to all organisations/institutions/citizens of the country in both rural and urban areas. The participation of the people is often in the form of observance/ implementation of the water conservation measures in their daily life. In addition to the Government organizations, various non-Governmental organisations, water users' associations also participate in various activities focusing on awareness about value of water including conservations etc.

(d) to (f) "Pani Roko Abhiyan" (Save Water Campaign) which was launched by Government of Madhya Pradesh in the year 2001 still continues in year 2003 in Madhya Pradesh. The Campaign stipulates conservation of water through construction of micro minor structures. The Campaign has been very successful in Madhya Pradesh. The year 2003 has been declared as Year of Freshwater in consonance with the UN Resolution declaring the year 2003 as the International Year of Freshwater, in order to increase awareness of the importance of sustainable freshwater use, management and protection. The programmes include awareness campaign through mass media, organizing workshops/seminar and action for initiating innovative methods by NGOs and other groups for water conservation, use etc.

**Funds allocated for rain water harvesting in Rajasthan**

4785 SHRI SURESH KALMADI :
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have provided funds to State Governments for development of rain water harvesting schemes in their States;

(b) if so, the amount of funds allocated to Rajasthan in the year 2001-2002 and the funds approved for 2002-2003; and

(c) the number of rain water harvesting schemes of Rajasthan approved by Government for the year 2002-2003?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY) : (a) and (b) The Central Ground Water Board implemented demonstrative rainwater harvesting and recharge projects in the country under its Central Sector Scheme for 'Study of Recharge to Ground Water'. Under this scheme, a total number of 174 projects were approved for implementation in 27 States/Union Territories upto March, 2002. 18 rainwater harvesting projects were approved for implementation in Rajasthan under the scheme. Funds allocated for implementation of these projects in Rajasthan during 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 are Rs. 31.59 lakh and Rs. 30.52 lakh respectively.

(c) No new scheme was approved during the year 2002-2003.